

Reactor

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Why don't we? Those three words have started a lot of good things going and made a lot of changes.

Why don't we...incorporate? I don't know who first said it, 20 years ago. Someone did. It started a lot of wheels in motion that haven't yet settled down.

Why don't we have a school? Someone asked that about 108 years ago (correct me if I'm wrong) and we've had one in these parts ever since, a one-roomer for most of the years.

WHY DON'T we have a fishing pier? People talked about one for years, at least since 1906, but it took a city manager with the idea that a fishing pier is an outfall, and an outfall is a fishing pier, to do the job. Excellent idea, overall. The flaws are mainly the fault of some slobs who don't appreciate the pier. I refer to the messes and the vandalism by a few people.

Speaking of the pier, why don't we make that artificial reef someone suggested a while back. One of the service clubs to push it, some old tires and auto bodies to create it, and we would improve the fishing. Why don't we?

WHY DON'T we? When grandpa McCloskey asked that about 70 years ago, it resulted in a castle, built on a good solid rock formation in Salada Beach, away from shaky San Francisco. The commute to SF on the Ocean Shore RR pooped out after a few years, but the castle still stands, the proud premier residence of Pacifica.

Why don't we? One of the major gaps in our judicial system is a place to handle minor problems that are technically criminal. Like your neighbor leaving out his garbage can week after week. It's a nuisance, but would you want to prefer charges, go to court, take a chance on your neighbor getting fined the possible \$500 and six months in jail? Over a garbage can!

THE AVERAGE dog problem is considered a nuisance by the courts and the police. It's too unimportant to deal with, but a continuing annoyance to other people involved.

So...Why don't we have a quasi-court, perhaps presided over by a law student, extremely informal, a group of neighbors discussing and deciding a solution with the agreement of both sides. The courts are still there to handle the unresolved problems, but many that might otherwise escalate could be short circuited.

Perhaps it could be tried out with the sponsorship of neighborhood groups like the Fairmont Improvement Association. Why don't we?

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